

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: random photos 478.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900635.000

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 March 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 11 March 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file explicitly depicts two young girls performing a sexual act on a man. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in children. It presents young girls as sexually active and aware, and as appropriate sexual partners for adults. It has the effect of encouraging and legitimising such an interest. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for the purpose of grooming children for sexual exploitation. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes are deemed objectionable.